

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. with the Sheriff and State's Attorney present.

The Roll Call showed all members present with the exception of Mr. Hogan, Mr. Snyder and Mrs. Wilkins.

Mrs. Taylor led the members in prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLAQUE PRESENTATION

Sheriff Dawson: Sheriff Dawson said he wanted to introduce Lieutenant John Anderson who was at the meeting with his wife Cathy and his mother Marie. John Anderson started his career with the Macon County Sheriff's Office in August of 1978, after graduating from Eastern Illinois University, where John lettered in varsity tennis and soccer. His first assignment, as were all of their first assignments back then, was to work in the old Macon County Jail, which was no picnic. John then worked in the patrol division and took part in the Contractual Deputy Program. John was later promoted to detective, sergeant and then lieutenant. John was the first commander of the Macon County Sheriff's Tactical Response Team. John served as a jail superintendent and patrol commander. John led by example and was a deputy with integrity. He is retiring after 27 ½ years of service.

John Anderson: Mr. Anderson thanked everyone and said he was humbled and honored to be there. He appreciated them having him. He knew they had a busy schedule and a lot of things to do. Mr. Anderson said he has appreciated and enjoyed working these 27 ½ years with the Sheriff's Office. There have been a lot of fine people he has worked with throughout the years, including Sheriff Dawson. There have been many people, so many that he could not say everybody. He thanked everyone. Mr. Anderson said there is a lot of good leadership in the County and at the Sheriff's Office, and a lot of young, fine men coming up that he was sure would do a fine job for the citizens of Macon County.

Sheriff's Dawson: Sheriff Dawson said a plaque was presented by the Deputy's Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #144.

A. APPOINTMENTS

1. Resolution G-2881-2-06 - Appointment to Niantic Drainage District #2

Robert J. Moore, 600 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 13, Niantic, IL 62551
Term Expires: 1st Tuesday in September 2006

MOTION

Mr. Wolfe moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution G-2881-2-06.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Cox, Drobisch, Dunn, Durbin, Jacobs, Little, McGlaughlin, Meachum, Oliver, Potts, Sampson, Smith, Taylor, Westerman, Williams, Wolfe, Yoder, Zaiz

Nays: (None)

AYES = 18

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

ZONING

2. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution Z-1035-2-06 which is regarding Case S-05-11-05, a petition for a Special Use Permit submitted by Joseph W. Crump, President of Boody Community Water Company requesting the construction of a water tower be allowed on an approximate 0.97 acre tract located at 6130 Zion Chapel Road in Blue Mound Township. After hearing the evidence, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously in favor of recommending the Special Use Permit be granted. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition as requested and voted unanimously to recommend that the County Board grant the requested Special Use Permit.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by to Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution Z-1035-2-06 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution Z-1036-2-06 which is regarding Case R-13-12-05, a request by Kenneth L. McCoy for rezoning of approximately 10 acres from Agricultural District to 2 individual 5 acre lots of RE-5 Single Family Estate District located at 6469 Camp Warren Road in Mt. Zion Township. After hearing the evidence, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously in favor of recommending the rezoning request be granted. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition as requested and voted unanimously to recommend that the County Board grant the requested rezoning.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Durbin to approve Resolution Z-1036-2-06 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution Z-1037-2-06 which is regarding Case R-14-12-05, a request by John Drayton for rezoning of approximately 18 acres from Agricultural District to R-1 Single Family Residential District located in South Wheatland Township. After hearing the evidence, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously in favor of recommending the rezoning request be granted. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition as requested and voted unanimously to recommend that the County Board grant the requested rezoning.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution Z-1037-2-06 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mr. McGlaughlin: Mr. McGlaughlin asked where this property is. He was told this is located between Turpin Road and Kathy, just south of the current R-1 development, the first piece of farmland south of the R-1 development.

MOTION CARRIED.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 12, 2006 MEETING

MOTION

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mr. Durbin to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2006 meeting by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. CORRESPONDENCE

A Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for the Onyx Valley View Landfill - Unit 2.

A Public Notice regarding proposed issuance of a Construction Permit/PSD Approval to ADM Corn Processing Plant in Decatur from the Illinois EPA.

A notice from the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding notification to maintain Illinois Project: IM-072-1(069)125, Section (58-61)RS.

A letter from Insight Communications regarding a change their Basic Channel line-up.

A letter from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum regarding Macon County's ornament contribution to their 2005 Christmas Tree exhibit.

REPORTS

Sheriff's Report - January 2006

Macon County Collector Bank Report - January 2006

Macon County Treasurer Bank Report - January 2006

Auditor's Report - January 2006

Coroner's Report - December 2005

Public Defender's Report - January 2006

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve the Correspondence and Reports and that they be placed on file by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. CLAIMS

MOTION

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Dunn to approve the Claims that have already been payed by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

The Justice Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting

The EEHW Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting

OPERATIONS, PERSONNEL & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

6. Mr. Smith presented Resolution G-2882-2-06 which is approving and adopting a Macon County Employee Handbook.

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution G-2882-2-06.

COMMENT:

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith said this is a project that has been going on for many years. He has been on the OPL Committee for 3 ½ years and it was talked about long before that. Mr. Smith said when he became chairman of OPL it had been discussed. He went to the new State's Attorney, the second week he was in office, and asked that he make sure this got priority, and he did. Mr. Smith was pleased with the amount of cooperation they received, not only from the State's Attorney, but various officeholders that reviewed it. Workforce Investments helped a lot with a consultant that worked on this. He said they need to remember that this is an employee handbook. It is something that is going to benefit the County and our employees because employee handbooks are the road map for the consistent application of our policies and procedures, something we have been lacking. As they know, when road maps are not followed, you have problems. You can have dead-ends, bridges out and all sort of problems. This employee manual is a tool to make sure everyone is on track. So, he was very pleased that they are able to present it tonight.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said she read the draft. Today was the first time she had looked at the final manual that was being presented for adoption, which she has concerns about also, but in going through it there are 3 hot button issues that come up at several different committee meetings without fail. They come up on a fairly regular basis and those are cell phone use, travel, and credit cards. She does not feel like those 3 issues have been addressed to make anymore clarification than what we have got now. She would like to see those issues a little more addressed in the handbook because at all of the different committee meetings that is the reason we are putting together an employee handbook, to address those issues. So, she was going to make a motion to table this until they have the opportunity to really look through this and see what it does cover.

MOTION TO TABLE

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Drobisch to table Resolution G-2882-2-06.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Cox, Drobisch, Durbin, Jacobs, Little, Potts, Yoder, Zaiz

Nays: Dunn, McGlaughlin, Meachum, Oliver, Sampson, Smith, Taylor, Westerman, Williams, Wolfe

AYES = 8

NAYS = 10

MOTION FAILED. (TO TABLE RESOLUTION G-2882-2-06)

COMMENT:

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith said the issues Mrs. Little mentioned do come up. He said they would be

happy to entertain any of her ideas regarding how to amend this policy. Mr. Smith said he would be happy to entertain those down the road. They could always come back at any time and add amendments to it. So, if she had something to bring to OPL, they would be happy to look at it.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said she would be happy to bring them.

QUESTION WAS CALLED FOR

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Cox, Drobisch, Dunn, Durbin, McGlaughlin, Meachum, Oliver, Sampson, Smith, Taylor, Westerman, Williams, Wolfe, Yoder

Nays: Jacobs, Little, Potts, Zaiz

AYES = 14

NAYS = 4

MOTION CARRIED.

COMMENT:

Mrs. Cox: Mrs. Cox said she was voting yes, as long as this could be revised on the issues Linda brought up.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said she was voting no because she didn't feel like they were passing a policy other than what they have already got.

7. Mr. Smith presented Resolution G-2883-2-06 which is approving a property and inland marine insurance renewal proposal from Behnke & Company, acting agent for Hartford.

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve Resolution G-2883-2-06.

COMMENT:

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith said he wanted to point out that once again this is an insurance issue. They have worked very hard in the last couple of years on all aspects of insurance for the County. This is once again a renewal at a lower rate than the previous year. It is about \$1,300 less than last year. It shows that when they keep moving in that direction and working to get those rates down, it does work.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Cox, Drobisch, Dunn, Durbin, Jacobs, Little, McGlaughlin, Meachum, Oliver, Potts,

Sampson, Smith, Taylor, Westerman, Williams, Wolfe, Yoder, Zaiz

Nays: (None)

AYES = 18

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

8. Mr. Sampson presented Resolution G-2884-2-06 which is approving an increase in appropriation for the Teen Court Budget in the State's Attorney's Grant Fund.

MOTION

Mr. Sampson moved, seconded by Mr. McGlaughlin to approve Resolution G-2884-2-06 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little asked if this is all grant money.

Mr. Sampson: Mr. Sampson said yes. They received a grant that wasn't in their budget and this allows them to spend it and has no impact on the General Fund.

MOTION CARRIED.

9. Mr. Sampson presented Resolution G-2885-2-06 which is authorizing the Building Commission surplus funds be applied to future rent payments.

MOTION

Mr. Sampson moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-2885-2-06 by prior roll call vote.

COMMENT:

Mr. McGlaughlin: Mr. McGlaughlin asked if this has not been the standard policy and we just need to renew it. The auditor said yes.

MOTION CARRIED.

10. Mr. Sampson presented Resolution G-2886-2-06 which is approving an Addendum to the Lease between Macon County and the Decatur Public Building Commission to provide for lease abatement and for reduction in the levy for DPBC Fund.

MOTION

Mr. Sampson moved, seconded by Mr. Dunn to approve Resolution G-2886-2-06 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

11. Mr. Sampson presented Resolution G-2887-2-06 which is approving the Auditor's Clean-up Budget Resolution for FY 2005.

MOTION

Mr. Sampson moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution G-2887-2-06 by prior roll call vote.

COMMENT:

Mr. Sampson: Mr. Sampson said this is our annual clean-up resolution where we go back and take care of a few problems in the just expired budget. This year, as has been the case in recent years, the changes are pretty minor. They are spelled out on the second sheet. They are basically transfers and some increased appropriations with explanations of why those appropriations were increased.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little asked what a bucket transfer is.

Ms. Stockwell: Ms. Stockwell said when they make appropriations they make them for three categories. Officeholders can make transfers within those categories, but they can't make transfers between the categories, in particular the difference between services and personnel. So, she uses the terminology bucket to refer to those.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said she wanted to make sure that these have no affect on 2006 budget.

Mr. Sampson: Mr. Sampson said that is correct. All of these are within the 2005 budget.

MOTION CARRIED.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver said he was very happy to report that they are close to settlement on all of the remaining contract negotiations they have been pursuing. Hopefully this time next month they can close out the contract negotiations for this particular session.

The Transportation Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

The Executive Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

The Macon County Building Sub-Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

OFFICEHOLDER'S REMARKS:

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams said the March meeting will mark the annual visit of our 4-H friends again this year. He said if there is a 4-H member that sits next to a board member he asked that they do their best to make them feel welcome and a part of the proceedings. He said they will be meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Senator Watson's office next door. The kids will have the opportunity to listen to Mr. Wolfe, Mr. Ahola, Mr. Day, Mr. Dawson and Mr. Bean talk a little bit about the functions of County government. Board members or anyone else is welcome to attend that as well.

Mr. Wolfe: Mr. Wolfe said he is having a meeting here tomorrow with a representative from each township and their assessor regarding the new assessment charges we will be implementing. Also, he told them if they see Mr. Phil Anello to tell him congratulations because he is a newlywed.

There were no citizen's remarks presented at the meeting.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

12. Mr. Wolfe presented Resolution G-2888-2-06 which is approving an addendum to the agreement between Macon County and ICS Advantage, LLC.

MOTION

Mr. Wolfe moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve Resolution G-2888-2-06 by prior roll call vote.

COMMENT:

Mr. Wolfe: Mr. Wolfe said we are going to get an 80% reimbursement for GIS costs from DUATS.

Mrs. Cox: Mrs. Cox asked if we are going to get money from DUATS to pay for this.

Mr. Wolfe: Mr. Wolfe said we have been told that there will be an 80% reimbursement. He said we have to submit the bill to see if they will pay it.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said she thought we were getting out of DUATS.

Mr. Wolfe: Mr. Wolfe said we are. We still belong to DUATS, but we are just not the lead agency anymore; the City is. He said we still get their money.

MOTION CARRIED.

13. Mr. Wolfe presented Resolution G-2889-2-06 which is approving a letter of agreement between Macon County Solid Waste Management Department and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

MOTION

Mr. Wolfe moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution G-2889-2-06 by prior roll call vote.

COMMENT:

Mr. Wolfe: Mr. Wolfe said this contract came out of the EEHW Committee with their full approval. He discussed this with Sherri and felt that since this is a contract, it needed to go before the full Board. It is not a renewal of a contract, which is a little bit different. Mr. Waks did some research into this and it is on the agenda tonight.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Durbin moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to adjourn until Thursday, March 9, 2006 at 7:15 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.